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The assizes will open at Brandon on the 17th of March before the Chief Justice.

Nesbitt, Jan. 23.—A very enthusiastic meeting was held here this evening for the purpose of forming a Liberal Conservative club for 7, 18. The meeting was well represented by a large number of the party. Mr. R. Neithercot, of Wawanesa delivered a very eloquent address in regard to the formation and duties of the club. The election of officers followed. The result is as follows:—George Fox, president, John Grey, vice-president; Ward Badgley, secretary; Wm. Renaldi, treasurer. The meeting was adjourned until the 6th of February. All members of the party cordially invited.

An ingenious trapper at Stony Lake, N. W. T., has invented a trap that is very effective in catching muskrats. He fastened two links of stowpipe at either end and fixed a swinging door opening inwards. Placing one end of this at the entrance of the rat house the animals enter the trap, whether trying to go out or in to their butts, and are detained there. Eight were caught at one time.

A letter recently received by G. W. Garfield, of Cowie & Garfield, from Fort Providence, Mackenzie River, states that twenty-two deaths had occurred in the vicinity of the fort within a few weeks from some in that locality—unknown disease. The symptoms were sore throat and swelling of lower limbs. Death occurs in about four days.—Edmonton Bulletin.

Yesterday a dog belonging to Sam Nesbitt followed one of the men up he Martin elevator and after spending some time on the top story, he concluded to come down and jumped from the upper window some sixty feet from the ground. The dog struck terra firma and is none the worse. Melita enters.

Mr. E. Hammond has settled in Norwalk, Los Angeles County, California. He is about to go into farming there and will rent a farm of 40 acres. Down there such a place is worth \$250 a year. He will go into fruit, hog and chicken raising, these being the most profitable lines in that district. Mr. Hammond speaks in glowing terms of the climate and resources of the country, and we hope he will do well.—Hartley Star.

Mr. J. S. Edwards of Melita informs that he has a goose which hatched out six goslings on the 23rd of January, all of which are alive and thriving. Every egg set was hatched. Who can beat this?

Mr. Wm. Fallis, formerly of Cayon, is at present visiting in this vicinity. This week he is the guest of his daughters, Mrs. Jas. McLean and Mrs. J. Martin, town. Mr. Fallis is delighted with the South District, and has prospered there. During the past season he has harvested 6,000 bushels of wheat, and 2,500 of oats. He has a large number of live stock. Mr. Fallis will return about March 1st.—The Lindsay Watchman, Jan. 24th.

A provincial football association is being formed by the more prominent teams of the province. Nationals of Winnipeg, Brandon, Calgary, Souris, etc., with the object of competing for the provincial championship. A meeting was held in Winnipeg lately to see what could be done, and a committee appointed to draft a circular to be sent to country teams that a more general interest be taken in the movement. The province will probably be divided into three districts, eastern, central and western. Portage la Prairie is the likely place for a meeting of the delegates soon to be held to form the association.

Mr. Robert Cherry, well known in Souris and district as one of our oldest pioneers, died at the residence of his son, George Cherry, four miles south of town, on Wednesday evening at five o'clock. The end was peaceful though for a day or two previous to his death he suffered considerable pain. Mr. Cherry was 79 years of age, and came to Canada about 75 years ago from Huddersfield, England. He again moved westward from Drayton, County of Wellington, Ontario, in 1881 and settled on the south-west quarter of section 36-6-22 about eight miles south-west of Souris. He was a genial, hearty old man and carried his almost four score well. It is only a month or six weeks since we saw him in Souris. His many friends and acquaintances will no doubt extend their sympathy to the members of his family in our midst. The deceased will be buried in Glenwood cemetery on Friday afternoon.—Souris Pictorial.

## OAK LAKE.

Oak Lake, Feb. 5.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Oak Lake creamery was held on Monday, 3rd.

The concert on the 28th ult., given by Court and Oak L.O.O.F., was a success, both as a decided musical treat to the community and financially. The vocalists of the evening, Mrs. Flora McIvor and Mr. J. W. Scott, of Winnipeg are too well and favorably known throughout the province to require special comment upon the programme which they rendered so successfully. The hall was crowded with a most appreciative audience. The proceeds were \$55.

A Quarry has built a large addition to his livery stable, increasing the number of stalls about one-third, and greatly improving his property.

Mrs. John Taylor, of Chamois ranch, has returned from a visit of several months to friends in Winnipeg.

## 16,000 MASSACRED.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 4.—The Congregationalist will tomorrow publish a letter from Rev. H. N. Barnum, D.D., the missionary agent at Harpoot, Eastern Turkey, describing recent massacres of Armenian Christians in that section of the country. Rev. Mr. Barnum, who, on account of his alleged activity in providing protection for missionaries and others, was recently refused permission by the Turkish government to have a hand in the distribution of relief among the destitute Armenians, is the first person to make public a letter from the stricken district, over his own signature. The letter, which is dated Dec. 24, begins:—

"In such a disaster as has come upon this country it is impossible to secure accurate information. The reign of terror is not yet over, and many of the prominent Christians whose lives are spared, scarcely venture from their hiding places, and oftentimes do not know what has befallen some of their nearest neighbors. The desolation is almost universal. The reports of death in our own field that have reached us amount to some 16,000. We now know that in many cases they have been much exaggerated, but there are large numbers of villages from which we have heard nothing, except that there has been plunder and massacre, and we are confident that if we had all the facts our reported aggregate would be less than the reality. There is another feature of which we are just learning, and that is the death of children. This has not previously been reported. Men, when they found their death was inevitable, have killed their daughters to save them from a fate worse than death. Even mothers in their flight cast away young children, and some were thrown into streams to save them from the Turks. In some cases families who had secreted themselves strangled their infant children lest their cries should reveal their location. The forcible conversion to Mohammedanism is perhaps the darkest side of this awful picture. Many have died martyrs, Gregorians, Armenians, Protestants. They would not for a moment listen to the proposition to save their lives by changing their faith. A still larger number, some through the natural fear of death, and some out of regard to their families, have professed a conversion to Islam, and have submitted to the most cruel practices in their worship in the confident expectation that relief will come from this proscription.

## THE TRIUMPH OF SCIENCE.

Llewellyn, New Jersey, Feb. 10.—The laboratories of Thos. A. Edison, the electric king, have been besieged during the past few days by people anxious to know what progress the great experimenter has made in the use of the Crooke's tube, and its application to photography. It was expected that Mr. Edison would try to photograph the human brain to-day, and as a consequence, a number of newspaper men and artists were on hand to get the results of the inventors' skill. He had hoped to have some new tubes in readiness for the work, but notwithstanding the fact that he and his efficient helpers worked all night, they were unable to complete their labors. Mr. Edison confidently expects to have all preparations made by Monday, however. Many tests of the "X" ray have already been made in the Edison laboratory, and all have been along practical lines. Mr. Edison to-day is endeavoring to work out a method of photographing his hand and keys, but was devoting his entire attention to developing the practical side of Prof. Roentgen's recent discovery. "Altogether," said he, "I have been able to establish the fact that different materials offer different degrees of resistance to the passage of the new light. For instance, glass proves to be a relatively poor conductor of rays, while hard black rubber permits the almost free passage of the light. Lead is also a good conductor." The chief difficulty which the inventor encountered in his experiments, was the fact that a sharp shadow of the material under test could not be secured, unless it was directly under the tube. The indistinctness is due to the smallness of the tubes, which have been used in the experiments, and it is this same trouble which has caused the delay in photographing the human brain and bones of the head. The tubes which are now being constructed, are much larger than those used heretofore, and by the combined use of several of these, the inventor hopes to make a satisfactory shadow of the head bones and the brain. In answer to a question as to the definition of the new light Mr. Edison said: "The Roentgen ray is a wave in ether. More than this I cannot say at the present time. I consider it a very great discovery and have confirmed all the experiments of him who gave the discovery to the world. These experiments with the Roentgen rays are all very simple and beautiful, and I am only trying to increase the power and perfection of the records." The reporter who visited Mr. Edison to-day, was shown a tube in active operation. The power of the light as a luminant is very small indeed, and it is this fact which surprises the most. The new light is much increased, however, when he is told that it is not at all impracticable that under favorable circumstances the light might be visible to the eye. The enhancements are caused largely, if not entirely, by the glass used in the construction of the tubes. The new tubes which are being made at the laboratory are about eight inches long, and two inches in diameter. The

first intention of Mr. Edison was to construct tubes of celluloid, but he now states he can obtain glass of sufficient thinness to make it unnecessary to construct the celluloid tubes. No experiment has ever been made at the laboratory which caused so much interest as the present one. Every employee of the establishment shares the enthusiasm of the chief and all are anxiously awaiting developments on Monday.

## AN ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

As a result of an early morning row William Smith is lying in the general hospital in a precarious condition and John Lankivell occupies a cell in the provincial jail on the charge of attempted murder. Judging by the report from the hospital the charge against Lankivell will probably be changed to one of murder.

The men Smith and Lankivell have a scraped unsavory record, both being ex-convicts. They have been around the city for some time. Last night they determined to rob a house in Fort Rouge—evidently Mr. J. H. D. Munson's—and during the night crossed the river to do the deed. Smith was not familiar with the ground and did not know where to locate the "lay out" so the plans did not work out properly. About one o'clock the two men met near the river bank near Mr. Munson's house and a quarrel must have ensued. The outcome of it was that Lankivell drew his revolver and fired three shots at his helpless victim who was lying on the ground. Each took effect in his neck.

Lankivell evidently thought that the work was completed and that the man at his feet was dead. In order to cover the evidence of the crime he fired some snow and put the body of his victim in the excavation. While he was being moved Smith, must have groaned or given some other sign of life, for again the remorseless criminal drew his revolver and fired point blank at Smith's breast.

Smith lay almost unconscious for some time, and then, notwithstanding his severe wounds managed to struggle to his feet and cry loudly for help. His cries were heard by Mr. Munson who was not long in reaching his side. Help was immediately provided, and the helpless man conveyed to Mr. Munson's residence. The police were at once notified and several men were on the scene a few minutes later. Mr. Munson communicated what he knew of the case to the officers. While some of the officers assisted in conveying the suffering man to the hospital, others waited the scene of the action and commenced a systematic search for the prisoner who was soon located and is now in the toils.—Free Press.

## WHITEWOOD.

Whitewood, Feb. 2.—Recent festive events include a fancy dress ball and several dances in and out of town. The ball at the opera house was well attended and a success. The French costume was a striking feature and included "Cendrillon," "Giselle," "Largely," "Conte d'Espagne," "Conte de la Reine," "M. Emile Janet, J. P. and M. Bolt, Wolff. These gentlemen have not been well pleased at having their costumes described as of the French revolution, they being adherents of the monarchical principle.

The fiction bachelors gave a ball at Mr. Allen C. Hawkes' on Friday night. Messrs. Fox and Friday being the head pushers in getting it up. Nearly sixty were present, all old. Mr. Wm. May, new violin, Mr. Allen Hawkes (organ), and a Swedish gentleman provided good music. The gathering was one of the pleasantest ever held in the settlement.

The W. A. D. S. entertainment was not so well attended as usual. We think they do not increase their hold on the public by playing right along for their own exchequer. Charity begins at home, it is true, but it ought to occasionally end somewhere else. A meeting of the flag entertainment committee was held at the council chamber on Saturday night. ex-Mayor Park in the chair. The object is to organize an entertainment to provide a town flag to float from the magnificent seventy foot flag presented by Mr. Park. All are co-operating. The entertainment is fixed for the 18th at the opera hall. Messrs. Fred A. Morrison, A. St. Clair Bell, W. A. Lamonte, Editor Greenstreet and John Hawkes, jr., all of whom are good musicians, both vocal and instrumental, were appointed a programme committee. Editor Greenstreet offered to print the programmes free. A meeting of the general committee will be called after the concert, when a balance sheet will be presented, and everything wound up in good shape.

Jacob Kallas, the Finn, has been sent back to the settlement. Dr. Bird succeeded in partially restoring his sight, and says that nothing is now needed but for Kallas to follow his directions, in order to complete the cure. Credit is due to Archie Gillis, our kind-hearted M. L. A. and the doctor, for this happy result.

News comes that our old medics, Dr. Wm. Reid, is practicing at Duluth and has taken a wife to himself. There is talk about disqualifying the new mayor on some technical pretext or other. If he is disqualified the town will put him in again, sure, and with a thumping majority this time.

## AUSTIN.

This little town keeps well in the progress of the world, with other places in the Northwest. The Hon. W. Clifford's

mill is one of the best in the country and sends its products far and wide. Mr. Clifford is always a busy man, for in addition to handling a large milling and grain trade he is largely in the cattle business; he is the postmaster and a large general merchandise dealer with Mr. Herrie, a very capable man, as manager. Stinson Bros. the second business firm are also very large dealers, handling \$20,000 worth of goods annually, and always keeping an A. 1 stock. Frank Avery deals in groceries, confectionery and ships a large amount of cordwood to western points annually. He thinks nearly 1,500 cords of wood are every year exported from this point.

W. G. Dunbar, a young enterprising man, has purchased the old established blacksmithing business and is hard at work every day. J. Parkinson has put up a new shop.

J. H. Giles keeps a boarding house, livery, sale and feed stable. Mr. Dunbar is in the same line. Ed. Cameron, who has been farming close by the last 7 years, has gone into the milling and cattle business, and is a good prospect ahead. At present he is putting in a large supply of ice for summer use. Mr. Young has lately commenced harness making and boot and shoe repairing. He is ever ready to attend to all wants in his line. The Rev. Mr. Hopp by proxy is in the morning line. A. E. Birch is a hardware dealer and tinmith jobber. He is also a poultry fancier, and is well supplied. It is said a Mr. Walton, of Toronto, is shortly to start a turkey farm here, with a full card of breeders as a start.

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This is perhaps one of the best farming districts in the country. With its abundance of hay and water, timber and upland for cropping, the past year 250,000 bushels of wheat were raised tributary. On Saturday last the Liberal Conservatives held their annual meeting here for organization. Mr. North in the chair. Mr. A. E. Baker was elected the new president, A. Pickering, secretary; R. Samuels, Vice-President; J. Paisley, R. McGee and C. Mains, Executive Committee. Mr. Pickering was elected delegate to the Winnipeg convention.

A congratulatory telegram was sent to Sir James Fyfe, on his re-entry into public life, and a long letter was sent to Mr. Boyd, M.P., urging also the H.B.E.R. Very appropriate addresses were delivered by several gentlemen present.

## REVOLUTION AND CIVIL WAR.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The Toronto World says: "Are the Manitoba minority justified in demanding that the Dominion shall execute revolution and civil war in order to right their grievance?"

"The Manitoba minority and those who support them, ought to make a distinction between what the country ought to do and what the Canadian can do."

Canada cannot enforce separate schools on an unwilling province."

"The Protestants of Ontario are not going to raise a finger to compel Manitobans to establish separate schools."

"The Catholics of Ontario will not club Manitobans into their party."

"Any coercive law which the Dominion government may pass, cannot be enforced."

"If the attempt be made rebellion will follow and possibly civil war in which the school dispute will disappear behind the larger issue of race and religion."

"The Dominion government must look these matters squarely in the face. Now is the time to consider them; now is the time for the government to decide which is the greater evil, the refusal to right a grievance to the Manitoba minority, or passing of legislation which will lead on civil war."

"Furthermore let the government and Manitoba minority, remember that justice is not always possible in this world. Even constitutional rights must often be sacrificed to more important considerations. In the courts of law it is not always possible to secure justice. While the Dominion of Canada sympathizes with the Manitoba minority, and while it recognizes the justice of their grievance, yet we are satisfied this country will not undertake to remedy that grievance, if the process means a war of races and civil rebellion, and when carried to its logical sequence that is exactly what it does mean."

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### THE MAIL.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1896.

#### THE REMEDIAL MEASURE.

It is now pretty well understood that the Federal government after ruining the party provincially, with their mandatory remedial measure have come to the conclusion that while they may do considerable to injure the schools as they stand at present, by withdrawing Roman Catholics from their support, they can do but little to better the condition of the latter. It is really a pity that conclusion was not reached before that remedial measure was sent to the Manitoba government, with its consequent destruction of the party provincially. We have always said the present law is not all that it should be, but all efforts ought to have been directed in the way of improving it rather than passing a second to divide public support, and distract public attention.

From all we can learn the Bill at Ottawa to start proposes to relieve all Catholics who object to the public schools and propose to become separate school supporters from taxation to the former, and this is a serious matter as in many parts of the country of mixed population, ordinary taxation is scarcely sufficient to maintain one efficient school, to say nothing of the second. The Bill proposes to place in the hands of separate school boards the power to select their own text books, and then permits Protestant children attending such schools so provided with text books, to absent themselves during the religious exercises, which properly interpreted means during the whole hours of the school. One of the chief objections Roman Catholics have to the public schools is the text books in use, and in this Bill it is provided that Protestant children attending these separate schools must accept the text books of the separate schools, for of course there cannot be two sets of books in use. Did this fatal objection ever occur to the wise heads at Ottawa when drafting the Bill?

The preamble of the Bill sets out that it was expedient to pass this measure and by assuming the provincial government will adopt it provides no machinery for its own enforcement for the very good reason means to do so do not appear at hand. It may at this moment be safe to assume that the provincial government will not adopt it and the benefit that it will then confer on the minority will be of very little consequence.

Through the Board constituted at Ottawa by the failure of the province to acquiesce, separate school districts on petition of heads of families may be constituted, relieved from taxation to the public schools and that is all we can so far see in it. There apparently is no means of giving these schools government aid if the provincial government ignores them, and the cost of inspection and board management will have to come out of their municipal taxation as well as the cost of the maintenance of the schools. As we have said above while this will weaken the schools in mixed communities as to render their maintenance almost unbearable, it will not accomplish any desirable end for the Roman Catholics.

As we understand matters at present we know of no fund out of which the Federal government can subsidize such separate schools, if the province refuses to acknowledge them, and with cost of management, inspection and maintenance—all coming out of municipal taxation, the Roman Catholics will become so convinced that their last condition will be no improvement on the first, that they will at once commence to agitate for further concessions. This will only tend to keep alive for good for unprincipled politicians an issue that would have been dead and buried years ago, if the Dominion government had only acted with decision. If they had when the first decision of the Privy Council was given declared what they are virtually declaring in this remedial measure, that while they could do much to injure the course of the public schools in rural districts, they could do nothing to secure practical benefits for the minority, this agitation would today be dead and buried of its own weakness. This is where Canada has suffered the past two or three years for the lack of statesmen at the head of affairs. So far as things go Mr. Daly in the Ottawa government appears resolved on establishing a second system in the province instead of modifying the objectionable features of the present system, and this it may be understood the people of this province will never stand.

#### THE BUDGET.

The budget speech delivered by Hon. Mr. Foster on the 31st ult., was in most essentials an able address. As a matter of fact the deficit is actually but little over two millions as nearly the one-half of the four millions that appears went into sinking funds and cannot be attributed to bad financing or to a faulty financial policy, as deficits are often the results of internal conditions, with which governmental policy has nothing to do. As it is Mr. Foster made a point showing that during the five years of Liberal rule we had total surpluses of \$935,644 and total deficits of \$6,426,958, or net deficits of \$5,491,314, while since 1878 we had deficits amounting to \$5,364,200, and surpluses totaling \$1,746,275, or a net deficit of but \$1,617,925, or less than one-third of that of their predecessors.

The hon. gentleman was, however, hardly as happy and certainly not as correct in the next statement, when he declared the Conservatives had put on no extra taxation but had remitted \$19,000,000 on sugar alone, while the Liberals put on extra taxation and remitted none. His reference to the Liberals was substantially correct and his to the remission of the Conservatives on sugar might be capable of absolute verification, provided it could be proved the consumption of sugar would be the same as it has been had Mackenzie's tariff remained in force, which is very doubtful, but the other features of the hon. gentleman's assertion is not borne out by the facts. It was since 1878 the N.P. was adopted and every import under it, paying the N.P. duties, is a living witness to increased taxation, with the power to local producers to increase the cost to consumers, a taxation in itself, where importation was thereby prohibited. A falling off in customs in any country may result from inability to import

through the natural failure of native production, or it may result from the excessive production of one or more lines of products usually exported, which may by low prices abroad be used as a substitute for goods usually imported and paying duties, or it may be the result of an unusual production of manufactures substituted for others usually brought in paying duties. To meet these conditions it is difficult for any government to legislate, and it might be unwise to do so even if it had the power.

The merit or demerit of deficits, must then be largely considered on the basis of expenditures against revenue. It is when they are faulty the people have a just right to complain whether they result in a deficit or otherwise. No people have a right to censure a government for a deficit the result of deficient taxation, for they themselves are the beneficiaries. On the other hand they more often have the right to complain against surpluses as the latter often show either unnecessary taxation, or a deficient expenditure in the public interests. It is then rather the policy of a government the people have a right to criticise than the surpluses or deficits that result from it or other foreign causes.

Another point made by the Finance Minister, and to which too much importance cannot be attached, was the question of interest on the national debt. We hear continual cries against the increase of our debt, and it is large, but the real question is what does it cost the people? One man who owes \$20,000 may be better off in reality than another who owes but \$20.00, as his assets and incomes may be relatively greater. The hon. gentleman showed that while in the last year of the Mackenzie government the interest on debt was \$8,891,283, and the amount paid last year was but \$9,330,247, or taking our increased population into account \$1.83 per capita against \$1.90 in the former year. We have made heavy expenditures in useful public works since 1878 and still our burdens are in reality less than they were in 1878. Of course some allowance must be made for the drop in interest all around since 1878, but all the same the present low rates obtained by the government show the exceptionally good credit of the country in the money markets of the world.

#### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

##### Winnipeg Tribune:

So far as can now be seen, it appears that the session of the legislature would be a brief one. The statutes of the province are now in good shape, and the amendments required are slight. So far the private bills announced are few and small.

As then there is not much to do in ordinary business, the government should have more time to devote to the extraordinary business. One thing the public would like to see is the correspondence between the government and the Federal authorities between the date of their acceptance of office and say June 1891, with reference to the land grant for the 40 miles of Hudson's Bay R.R. graded by the Norquay government, and for which the late government handed over \$256,000 of the bonds of the province to the H. B. R. R. Co. Our readers will remember La Riviere very foolishly handed over these provincial securities to the Co. representing the Federal

authorities were accepting the road as built and handing over the land grant to the Provincial government therefor. Later correspondence by Mr. J. Martin brought out the fact it would take some \$40,000 to fit the road to earn these land grant bonds. What the public now want to see is the correspondence between the two governments to be advised of the efforts Greenway & Co. put forth to save the country from a serious loss in this connection.

When this is over it would be well to submit to the House the school inspectors' reports on those private schools that are said to exist under the winks of the administration, notwithstanding the declarations of the government they have abolished separate schools.

The public want to know whether or not there is any fire in all this smoke about separate schools in French settlements, or if they are only humbugged by the representations of the government. This matter ought to be fully investigated to set all doubt on the matter at rest. If the government's side of it is the truth they can have nothing to fear from a thorough investigation, and it ought not now to be refused, as they appear to have but little else to do the present session.

It is reported the government showed their remedial bill to Mr. J. S. Ewart solicitor for the Catholics, before they accepted it as complete. For their credit we hope the report is not true. According to parliamentary usage the business of Cabinet meetings is regarded as confidential to the Ministers themselves, until it is announced in the proper course by the Premier himself; and if the rule has been violated in this case, to confer with the Roman Catholic church through their agent, it will add nothing to the dignity of the government.

Is it not about time that some public man of standing would suggest a penalty for priests and clergymen in general in interfering in pending elections. No one can blame clergymen for having their own opinions on political matters as well as other men and casting their ballots in contests as they see fit, but it is certainly demoralizing to see them hold the anathemas of the church over not only congregations but whole townships of settlers at election times. If newspaper reports are true the actions of the priests and bishops in the Cape Breton election were simply shameful. We are aware that as politics go the idea is to carry elections any way you can, but the influence of clergymen in this direction are simply debasing all the same, and no one elected through such agencies should feel proud of his victory.

We fancy Mr. Braithwaite has an apology to make arising from his action in the late provincial elections, if he wants his party to stand as the neutral party in party politics, he and his declare it to be. It is asserted and on authority that must be accepted until there is more than street rumor against it, that he was personally largely instrumental in having the Patron candidate against Mr. Greenway withdrawn in Mountain. It is said he not only telegraphed Mr. Preston, but actually visited him pressing withdrawal, when the wire command proved unavailing. In the face of this again we find the Grit candidate for the Commons in Marquette, Mr. Ferguson, withdraws as against Mr. Postlethwaite. As we said above it will take more than a bald denial from either Mr. Greenway or Mr. Braithwaite to prove there is not a saw off between the two for political purposes, we might add Grit purposes. The Patron association has much to commend it to the people, but if it is to be used as a machine to further the ends of a certain political party the country over, then its usefulness is gone and its final dissolution is at hand.

#### GRAIN STANDARDS.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—As a result of the agitation among the Manitoba and Northwest members here regarding wheat grading, Mr. Davin has had an interview with the controller of inland revenue and been promised that hereafter eastern millers and dealers shall have no representation on the grain standards board, and that western men shall have the entire control of fixing the standards.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The department of agriculture have decided to appoint veterinary surgeons whose duties it shall be to inspect animals whenever required in every county. At present salaried officials are scattered throughout the country. The new appointees will not be salaried, but will be paid for services rendered. It is probable that the appointments will be made when Dr. Montague returns.

#### HOTEL FOR SALE.

One of the best paying licensed hotels in Southern Manitoba. No opposition. Modern improvements.

JOHN WALLACE,  
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Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder  
World's Fair Highest Award.



#### Catarrh in the Head

Is a dangerous disease because it is liable to result in loss of hearing or smell, or develop into consumption. Read the following:

"My wife has been a sufferer from catarrh for the past four years and the disease had gone so far that her eyesight was affected so that for nearly a year she was unable to read for more than five minutes at a time. She suffered severe pains in the head at times was almost distracted. About Christmas, she commenced taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and since that time has steadily improved. She has taken six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and is on the road to a complete cure. I cannot speak too highly of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I cheerfully recommend it." W. H. FURNER, Newmarket, Ontario.

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Prominently in the public eye today.  
Hood's Pills cure habitual constipation. Price 50c. per box.

**"D. & L." MENTHOL PLASTER**

I have purchased Menthol Plaster in a number of cases of lamppost and rheumatic pain, and am very much pleased with the effects and permanency of its application. W. H. CAMPBELL, M. D., Hotel Chateau, Boston.

I have used D. & L. Plaster in several cases of muscular rheumatism, and find in every case that it gives instant relief. J. A. MOORE, M. D., Wash. D. C.

It cures Sciatic, Lumbago, Neuralgia, Pains in Back or Side, or any Muscular Pains.

Price: DAVIS & LAWRENCE CO., Ltd., Sole Importers, Montreal.

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**UNIVERSAL BLEND**  
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IS REMARKABLE VALUE—TRY IT

The proprietor has had extensive experience in one of the largest Tea establishments in Great Britain, and customers can rely upon getting the best value in Tea as well as other lines of Groceries.

Captain Sweeney, U.S.A., San Diego, Cal. says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." Price 50c. For sale by N.J. Halpin.

Norway Fine Syrup cures coughs, Colds, and all throat and lung troubles price 25 and 50 cents.

The best cough cure is Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam. It heals the lungs and cures coughs and colds.

**THE FAMILY MEDICINE.**

Trout Lake, Ont., Jan. 2, 1896.  
W. H. CONTOCK, Brockton, Me.

Dear Sir:—For a number of years I have used and sold your "Dr. Moore's Indian Root Pills." I consider them the very best for "Family Use," and all customers speak highly of them.

Yours truly, R. Lawson.

**FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.**

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. It diffuses a sweet and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the pain of "teething teeth" send at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething. It will relieve the poorest suffering immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it, it cures Diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures Wind Colic, the stomach and bowels, cures Wind Colic, and softens the gums, reduces inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

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JUST SOUTH OF AND CLOSE TO NEW C.P.R. DEPOT.  
TENTH STREET, BETWEEN ROSSER AND PACIFIC AVENUES...

**GOOD HORSES AND RIGS**  
AT SHORTEST NOTICE.  
DRIVERS FURNISHED WHEN REQUIRED.  
BRANDON, MAN.

#### Blacksmithing

Having dissolved partnership with Mr. Haw, I am now continuing in the old stand, opposite the City Hall, on my own account, where I propose to give all customers the very best satisfaction in all work entrusted to me with special attention to HORSESHOEING.

WM. WILSON.

UNRIVALED DUCALLIN RICHARD IS IN GREAT DEMAND. LARGE ORDERS FOR SATURDAY. NEW POTATOES BEST ON THE MARKET. COME EARLY AND GET YOUR SUPPLIES.

THE BRANDON

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Are to make an important announcement in this space next issue.

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FLOUR,  
CORNFLOUR,  
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GRITS,  
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Try a twenty-five pound sack of our self-rising Flour—no call for baking powders when you use it.

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TELEPHONE 39.

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DOUBLE AND SINGLE  
**DRIVING HARNESS.**  
TRUNKS. BAGS.

**SADLERY HARDWARE!**

**S. & H. BORBRIDGE,**  
Cor. Sixth Street and Rosser Ave.  
BRANDON, MAN.  
T. Borbridge, Manager.





This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some faint smudges and discoloration, characteristic of old paper. The right edge of the page is heavily shadowed and appears to be part of a bound volume, with a dark, possibly black, binding material visible. There is no text or other markings on the page.







## FINGER PRINTS.

THEIR USE ON CHECKS WOULD  
MAKE FORGERY IMPOSSIBLE.

England May Adopt the System—State  
Documents Would Bear Finger Prints—  
They Never Change and Are Never Altered.

The value of finger prints as a means of  
identification has now been fully proved  
and generally accepted. Mr. Francis  
Galt, an eminent Englishman, has  
shown by his first demonstration of their  
usefulness and forced the attention of the  
Government and the public to the system.  
They are now the principal part of the  
evidence by which criminals are identified  
and registered in England. Certain  
features of the Bertillon system of an-  
thropometrical measurement are there-  
fore combined with the finger-print system.

A new and much more important  
use of finger prints is now proposed.  
It is to use them, after all, are not the most  
interesting and numerous class of the com-  
munity, and as long as the question con-  
cerns only them it is not of the first im-  
portance. But when it is proposed that  
every citizen who has a bank account  
should accompany his signature to a  
check with a finger or thumb print the  
matter becomes one of universal interest.  
It is proposed in short that a  
finger or thumb print should accompany  
the signature wherever the authenticity  
of the signature is of any importance. Pro-  
bably the thumb would be used in making  
checks, as it is larger and has a more  
marked individuality than the finger.  
As two fingers in the world, it is  
easily seen that the differences in thumb  
prints are as numerous as the stars.

When a serious question of identifica-  
tion is at stake it is well to adopt the  
signature of the cashier of the Bank of  
England and notes of that institution  
will be accompanied by his thumb  
print. The signature of Mr. Mayne  
would then be accompanied by his  
thumb print. Lord Salisbury's  
interesting communications to  
Mr. Balfour would be decorated in a simi-  
lar manner.

The thumb print would tell more of  
the individuality of the maker than his  
signature. No forger could make Mr.  
Galt's thumb print attached to a  
check without being detected as a  
counterfeit of great weight.

A word of course, as a preventive  
of forgery that the thumb print would  
be made valuable by its adoption for-  
merly would become an impossibility.  
It would be useless.

Mr. Galt declares that there are no

The persistence of the ridges and pat-  
terns has been proved by the examination  
of imprints taken from the fingers of  
persons after intervals of years and  
minutely compared in every detail.  
The cases taken extend over the whole of  
life, from infancy to extreme old age.

In all the cases examined there was  
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In studying the variety in the finger  
prints of different individuals account  
has to be taken not only of the general  
form of the pattern and of the number  
of ridges between fixed points, but also  
of all the minute appearing in each  
finger print—breaks, junctions, bifurca-  
tions, etc. These are equally persistent  
with the general form of the pattern.

Mr. Galt has calculated the proba-  
bility of two finger prints being alike is

less than 1 in 64,000,000,000. If the  
number of the human race be reckoned  
at 1,000,000,000, there is a smaller chance  
than one to four that the print of one  
finger of any person should be exactly  
like that of the finger of any other  
person in the whole world.

The question how the finger prints are  
used for the purpose of tracing iden-  
tity will at once suggest itself. It is  
easy to turn to a name in an alphabetical  
index, but what is to guide a bank cashier  
or a detective among innumerable finger  
prints. The question may seem a hard  
one, but apparently it is not.

Mr. Galt answers that the finger  
prints can be classified in such a way  
that to identify a newly taken print with  
one in a directory is a simple matter for  
a man of ordinary intelligence. In a  
directory of hand and finger prints the ar-  
rangement required by him to find a print  
has been three minutes.

The system of classification is already  
in use in England and in India. It is  
necessary to make the classification the  
more numerous as a directory increases in  
size. There are many ingenious ways of  
doing this, which it will be impossible  
to go into here, but it will be interesting  
to give the general principles on which  
the classification is based.

Every finger print is assigned to one of  
three types of pattern, namely, "arches,"  
"loops," and "whorls." In all digits  
the ridges are arranged in such a way  
that they run across the fingers, while  
those towards the thumb follow the form  
of the nail in a rounded arch, but in the  
space left at the center of the bulb the  
ridges have a circular or circular form.

The ridges of the thumb and the  
finger prints are arranged in such a way  
that they run across the fingers, while  
those towards the thumb follow the form  
of the nail in a rounded arch, but in the  
space left at the center of the bulb the  
ridges have a circular or circular form.

It is not impossible that some criminals  
cut or burn the surface of this particular  
part of the finger. It will be necessary,  
however, to perform the operation on  
every finger, and it may be a decent  
idea to know that the sensibility to pain at  
the point is extreme, moreover that they  
would create a new means of identifying  
themselves.

Now to explain the meaning of the  
various words used to describe the three  
great classes of finger prints. The arch  
is a ridge which runs across the finger  
from one side to the other of the  
finger without making any backward turn  
or twist. It is a loop when there is a  
single backward turn but no twist. It is  
a whorl when there is a turn through at  
least one circle or a double turn in the  
form of a duplex spiral.

In reading off the patterns and translat-  
ing them into the symbols Mr. Galt  
uses the following order: The first, second  
and third finger of the right hand, the  
thumb and little finger of the right  
hand, the thumb and little finger of the  
left hand.

In the directory an arch is marked as  
"a," a loop as "l," and a whorl as "w."  
Thus the ten fingers of a man may be  
described as a, w, l, w, l, w, l, w, l, w.  
But to give greater variety to the formula he dis-  
tinguishes on the forefingers between loops  
coming from the radial or thumb side of  
the hand, and loops coming from the  
ulnar or little finger side, the former  
being marked "r," and the latter "u."

Here is an example of the formulas for  
the hands of five persons:  
1. W, l, u, l, w, l.  
2. R, l, u, l, w, l.  
3. R, l, u, l, w, l.  
4. R, l, u, l, w, l.  
5. R, l, u, l, w, l.

The Date of a Message.  
We weighed anchor on October 21, and  
went close to the south shore of two  
weeks in search of a suitable place for  
one of the boats, being swamped in the  
surf, was immediately crushed against  
the rocks, its crew having a rather nar-  
row escape from drowning. One of the  
men, however, bravely broke through the  
surf and, without relinquishing his  
grasp on his rifle.

With scrupulous care we now com-  
piled a letter, upon which each of us car-  
ried his signature. Having placed  
it in a small bladder which had been  
given to us for the purpose by the Nor-  
wegian consul in Melbourne, we con-  
sidered it to be the waves, and leaned over the bul-  
warks to see the mail depart. Much to  
our chagrin, a large albatross bore in  
sight, and before our message had gone  
many yards the huge bird gobbled it up.  
"The First Landing on the Antarctic  
Continent," by C. E. Borchgrevink, in  
the January Century.

## DON'TS FOR MARRIED PEOPLE.

Don't nag.

Don't lie to each other.

Don't go shopping together.

Don't gossip before children.

Don't buy your wife's hosiery.

Don't act like silly young lovers.

Don't be deceitful to each other.

Don't sleep all Sunday afternoon.

Don't let your wife out your hair.

Don't accuse each other of snoring.

Don't buy cigars for your husband.

Don't be suspicious of one another.

Don't get on bad terms with the jan-  
itor.

Don't walk along the street in single  
file.

Don't call each other "Maw" and  
"Paw."

Don't moan and groan occasionally.

Don't refer to your wife as "the old  
woman."

Don't forget that the walls of flats  
have ears.

Don't get into the habit of drinking  
too much.

Don't talk shop all the time you are  
home.

Don't insist that every visitor shall  
kiss the baby.

Don't use slang or profanity before  
your children.

Don't quarrel in public; wait until you  
get home.

Don't let your neighbors know all of  
your affairs.

Don't tell your husband he's growing  
gray and ugly.

Don't wink at each other while stran-  
gers are present.

Don't let your children run about the  
streets at night.

Don't give a false comedy of your love  
on the streets.

Don't keep harping on the subject of  
"mother-in-law."

Don't worry your wife to death about  
business troubles.

Don't let it unless you wish to break up  
the home circle.

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the home circle.

Don't spend more than half of your  
time before a mirror.

Don't get into the habit of sewing on  
your own buttons.

Don't forget that man is much more  
sensitive than woman.

Don't let your children talk disrespect-  
fully to their elders.

Don't make fun of each other in the  
presence of strangers.

Don't try to look dignified while  
being dressed.

Don't leave the house in a temper. It  
will upset your whole day.

Don't imagine that yours is the only  
baby on the face of the earth.

Don't throw your young and pretty  
wife in the way of temptation.

Don't let the lady enter your domain  
without her key.

Don't let your wife call on her  
without your consent.

Don't neglect to raise your hat when  
you meet a lady on the stairs.

Don't allow your husband to leave the  
house without a good breakfast.

Don't smoke after the house if your  
wife has any objection to tobacco.

Don't get one child more than another;  
don't get any of them too much.

Don't whine if your wife asks you to  
take a walk when you feel tired.

Don't let her if your husband spends  
an occasional evening at the club.

Don't talk about the hearts that you  
have crushed in the dim old checker-  
board.

Don't invite friends to dine unless  
you have thorough confidence in the  
cook.

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## A TENT OF LIVING VINES.

A very pretty tent can be made which,  
instead of being formed of the usual can-  
vas, has its sides composed of running  
vines, making a cool and refreshing re-  
fuge from the heat of the sun.

Select a tree with low spreading  
branches and attach stout cords to them  
at three different places. From these  
cords smaller strings are brought down  
to the ground, as shown in the plan, and  
secured to pegs driven into the earth.

Any suitable plants, such as Hops, Pars-  
nips, or Morning-glories, are then plant-  
ed at the foot of the strings, and in due  
time they will be entirely covered with  
foliage. The circular parts are laid out  
by first suspending a stone from the

center of the tent, and then drawing the  
strings tight, so that the tent will be  
perfectly circular.

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"If there is only one girl  
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What is the matter with buying  
her a lovely

### Engagement Ring

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"THE JEWELLER."

ISSUER  
OF MARRIAGE  
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### LOCAL NEWS.

Treherne kills Glenboro at the  
henspel.

There is great destination in New-  
foundland.

Wapella has carried a by-law by 244  
majority to build a new \$3,500 school.

Ex-Lieut. Governor Schultz is going  
to run in North Alberta for the Com-  
mons.

The Portage has a teacher called  
Miss Youngblood. Better have it  
Youngblood.

A union tea meeting is to be held in  
the Church on the evening of the 27th,  
at Kenney.

Dr. Stewart, son of J.R. Stewart,  
merchant at Souris, is going to locate  
at McGregor.

Hockey players should bear in mind  
they can purchase the best of sticks at  
Cliff's book store cheap.

Brandon hospital treated 62 patients  
during January and three additional  
nurses are now required.

Mayor Smart went down the Souris  
branch on Monday. He is likely to  
visit the old country shortly.

W. Lundy, grandson of Wm. Lundy,  
after whom the battle of Lundy's Lane  
was named, is dead, aged 77.

A fine lot of business stationery  
blank books, etc., just opened at Cliff's  
book store. Prices the lowest.

The Rev. Mr. Maul, of Australia,  
preached a very vigorous sermon in St.  
Matthew's church Sunday evening.

Some of our local grain dealers are  
paying 14 to 15 cents a bushel for oats  
and shipping them to the Old Country.

The last report is that Lieut. Gov-  
ernor McIntosh will not return to  
Ontario but run for Parliament in  
Ottawa.

"Burrows" majority of 13 in Dauphin  
has been reduced to 12 by a recount  
before Judge Ryan. A protest will  
now follow.

Hiram Walker, the great Ontario  
distiller is again offering our readers a  
\$20 cup and four gold medals for the  
winners.

Mrs. A.D. Rankin gave a progres-  
sive euchre party to a large number of  
friends, at her residence on Thursday  
evening last.

Cliff's bookstore is head quarters  
for school books this time. All requi-  
sites etc., and some of the lines below  
Ontario prices.

Major Schep, late of South Africa,  
lectured in the Methodist church,  
Monday, on what he saw and knew of  
that great country.

Mr. Weldon Curry, of Brandon, who  
had been at Souris visiting his brother,  
Mr. R.W. Curry, for a few days, left  
for home on Saturday.

Dudley Smith, 17 years old, got 3  
months at Wapella the other day for  
stealing a wolf skin. We may add the  
skin was off the wolf at the time of the  
theft.

Karl's Clover Root, the great Blood  
purifier gives freshness and clearness to  
the complexion and cures Constipation,  
\$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00. For sale by N.J.  
Halpin.

Mr. R. Keyes has just returned from  
a trip to Brandon, Rapid City and  
Munich, making the round trip in  
less than two weeks—Souris Plain-  
dealer.

Shiloh's cure is sold on a guarantee.  
It cures Infant Consumption. It is  
the best Cough Cure. Only one cent a  
dose 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. For sale by  
N.J. Halpin.

The Mail and Empire Publishing  
company have decided to grant an  
amnesty of \$2,000 per annum to Mrs.  
C.W. Bunting, in recognition of her  
late husband's services to the com-  
pany. It is well to be the wife of a  
newspaper man—especially when he is  
dead.—[Ed. Mail.]

Miss Paisley's revival in the Opera  
on Tuesday night gave unqualified  
satisfaction to all who attended it.

At the Exeter (Ont.) Orange Lodge  
Tom Greenway has been declared a  
"political arch traitor." Exeter is in  
South Huron where Greenway is well  
known.

Karl's Clover Root will purify your  
Blood, clear your complexion, regulate  
your bowels and make your head clear  
as a bell. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. For  
sale by N.J. Halpin.

The most select stock of wedding  
stationery, correspondence cards, in-  
vitations and envelopes to match, ever  
brought to the city, is now in stock at  
Cliff's Bookstore. Call and see samples  
and get prices.

The Carberry hockey team fared very  
badly on Brandon's ice on Friday  
night. Three out of sixteen was not a  
big score for the visitors to make but  
they must not be discouraged.

Shiloh's Cure, the great Cough and  
Croup Cure, is in great demand. Pocket  
size contains twenty-five, only 25c.  
Children love it. Sold by druggists.  
For sale by N.J. Halpin.

A. McQuig of Hartney, has been  
made a Provincial Constable. C. P.  
Estlin, of Melina, a deputy registrar,  
and J.D. Orr and F. Shultz have thrown  
up the profitable offices of J. P.

Chas. Card, a brakeman, had three or  
four fingers badly smashed at Alexan-  
der the other day while coupling cars.  
Amputation was necessary, and Mr.  
Card is now doing as well as can be  
expected.

The Brandon Operative Society are  
out with bills announcing their annual  
entertainment on the 17th and 18th in  
the opera hall. The place is open to  
Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" or  
Baudin's "Bride".

A large number of prominent Free  
Masons will arrive in the city this  
week from all parts of the province and  
Territories, to attend the annual reunion  
of the Scottish Rite Free Masons  
on Friday and Saturday.—Free Press.

It is expected rinks will be here  
from Neepawa, Moosomin, Regina,  
Elkhorn, Carberry, Russell, Virden,  
Wawanesa, Rapid City, St. Paul, Win-  
nipeg, the Portage and other places on  
the 25th, to play in the honspel.

So far this season 6,000,000 fry have  
been hatched out in the Fraser river  
hatchery. About 400,000 ova yet re-  
main to be hatched. The whitefish  
from Manitoba have not been hatched  
yet.

Mrs. T. S. Hawkins, Chatterbox,  
Tenn. says, "Shiloh's Kidney 'saver'  
My life! I consider it the best remedy  
for a debilitated system I ever used."  
For Dyspepsia, Liver or Kidney trouble,  
etc. Price 75c. For sale by  
N.J. Halpin.

A meeting of the Liberal-Conservative  
of the electoral division of Turtle  
Mountain will be held in Wright's hall,  
Bellevue, Tuesday, Feb. 18th inst.,  
for the purpose of electing officers and  
committees, etc., and to appoint dele-  
gates to Winnipeg and Souris.

Mr. C. Bunn is now receiving the  
congratulations of his many friends,  
on the occasion of his marriage to  
Miss E. Francome, of the Palace  
Hotel, on Tuesday week. The couple  
returned from their trip to Winnipeg  
on Saturday evening last.

The Liberal Conservative Association  
of South Brandon will meet at  
Nesbitt on the 15th at 2 p.m., for the  
purpose of electing officers for the  
incoming year and appointing delegates for  
the convention of the 25th, and organiz-  
ing for the coming contest.

Mr. Roblin made a good commence-  
ment in the House the other day in  
regard to the reduction of industry  
from \$300 to \$200. It is needless to  
say Sifton & Co. oppose it, and yet  
they will say the Opposition never  
oppose their expenditures.

Carberry News.—A concert and elo-  
cutionary entertainment under the  
auspices of the Methodist church will  
be held in Lyons' hall on Tuesday the  
18th. Miss Alta Paisley, of Brandon,  
one of Canada's most pleasing and  
promising reciters, is to take part.

The city hospital has discharged the  
following parties the past week as  
nearly cured.—J. K. Pelton; H. Mc-  
Pherson, Brandon Hills; A.J. Baker,  
Montclair; John Hetherington, Mrs.  
DeCoe, Chas. Carl, of Alexander,  
and Mr. Burns, Elkhorn, are doing well.

Dr. Agnew, this city, put in an arti-  
ficial eye a few days ago for H. Gale,  
who lives near Carberry. He attended  
the hospital here for some time suffer-  
ing from a wound in the eye he received  
from a chain while chopping wood.  
The substituted eye and a recovered  
man are the result.

Mr. Merritt, the hockeyist and  
photographer, many will regret to  
learn, is about to leave Brandon, to  
locate in the States. Mr. Merritt in  
addition to being good at his profes-  
sion is an excellent all around athlete,  
and his departure will be much regret-  
ed in many circles.

Mr. A. D. Rankin went east on Sat-  
urday to visit the American and Cana-  
dian markets to purchase goods for  
the new departmental store his firm,  
consisting of the Dowling Bros. and Wilson  
and Rankin, are to open up in the  
Syndicate block, the middle of next  
month. In a later issue we will give  
them a more extended.

It is not generally known in the grain  
trade that Brandon has been made an  
independent inspection district, under  
control of the Brandon Board of Trade,  
but such is the case. The business was  
done very quietly, perhaps for fear of  
causing opposition from other parties,  
though it is at all likely that any op-  
position would have been raised. F. H.  
Hesson has been appointed inspec-  
tor at Brandon, having passed his ex-  
amination before an examining board  
appointed by the Brandon board of  
trade.

Send to the Old Country for your  
friends. Now is the time to arrange  
for prepaid tickets that will bring  
them from any place in Europe. The  
Northern Pacific City Ticket office on  
Roser Avenue, T.C. Todd, agent, will  
supply you with tickets at lowest  
rates. He is agent for all lines and  
can give you valuable information.

Norman, the eleven-year-old son of  
Robert Parks, was instantly killed by a  
kick from a horse last Thursday night.  
Parks lives four miles south of Wawanesa  
and the child rode in to the skating  
rink. Arriving home they were put-  
ting the horses in the stable without a  
lantern, when some one of them kick-  
ed, hitting the boy on the side of the  
face. Mr. Parks, father of the boy, is  
now visiting in Woodstock, Ont.

On Friday night last some fellow in  
want of everyday requisites got into  
the feed store of Rae & Co. through the  
back door & helped himself to about  
\$50 worth of provisions and other  
valuable goods. Vitti, stationery &c. came  
in handy and disappeared with the  
other goods. There is as yet no clue to  
the offender. No one would regret it  
much if some of the gentry would only  
get into the bank vaults and make a  
way with all of the bills payable.

A sleighing party by the Congrega-  
tional church Christian Endeavor soci-  
ety took place on Tuesday evening  
from the residence of Mrs. Moor, 12th  
street. It was a very pleasant drive  
but for an accident although not a serious  
one. While one of the sleighs was  
going at a fast pace the driver endeavored  
to turn a corner too short, which of  
course threw the occupants from the  
sleigh. After this disaster the wreck-  
ed crowd had to carry themselves back  
to the residence of Mrs. Moor, where  
they spent a very enjoyable evening.

Messrs. Stone & Whyte Bros. who  
have been successful dry goods mer-  
chants in this city for several years in  
two separate establishments have de-  
cided to link fortunes and have now  
opened up a departmental establish-  
ment that for magnitude and variety  
of stocks would be a credit to any of  
the major cities of the Dominion, much  
more a place of four or five thousand  
people like Brandon. The united stocks  
now occupy a premises 8x115 feet em-  
bracing 10 departments any one of  
which would constitute a large business  
for any one firm. The stocks are sup-  
plies, general furnishings, clothing, ac-  
cessories, crockery, boots and shoes, etc.  
Each department occupies a very  
large store space and embraces every-  
thing that taste and fancy can suggest.  
As they have decided to sell for cash  
exclusively, running no risk of bad  
debts, and reducing running expenses  
to a minimum, they are in a position  
to offer goods at the lowest possible  
prices. It is really a sight for specta-  
tors to go through the premises and  
see the stocks of rare goods and the  
faultless system of the entire establish-  
ment.

### SOURIS.

Souris Feb. 1.—The Souris Social club  
hop, which was held last night, proved  
a grand success in every respect. An-  
other is being held tonight by some  
of the young men of the town.

The first carnival of the season will  
be held on Thursday evening in  
the Souris skating rink. Several prizes  
are being offered by the proprietor.  
The single has been re-engaged  
as a teacher of the Souris school, at a  
salary of \$125 per year.

A. H. Correll, reeve of Oakfield, re-  
turned from Ontario by Monday train.  
Mr. Correll has received the appoint-  
ment of Inspector of the Freehold Loan  
& Savings Co., and as his duties will  
require his leaving all parts of the pro-  
vince, he will remove his family to  
Winnipeg, which will be more conven-  
ient than residing in Souris.

Miss Lela Grant, assistant postmistress,  
has a cold, of duty suffering from a  
severe cold.

A. E. Hitchcock, of Leicester, Eng.,  
an old Sourisite, arrived in town today  
on a short business trip. He leaves for  
Winnipeg on Monday, and from there  
will proceed on his return journey  
home.

Mr. W. G. McLaren, who has been ill  
for some time, is slowly improving.

At the last meeting of the Court  
Plum Court, No. 1,202, Independent  
Order of Foresters, held on Tuesday  
evening, the officers elected for 1896  
were duly installed by S. S. Johnston,  
court deputy. This court is in a very  
prosperous condition and bids fair to  
become the leading beneficiary society  
in the town before the close of the  
year.

Those who predicted very little snow  
for this winter have been out on their  
calculations, for the already good snow  
depth was increased last night by three  
or four inches.

L. V. Braekke, of Crawford and  
Braekke, leaves by tomorrow's train for  
a short trip to Chicago to see his moth-  
er and meet Mrs. Braekke, who has  
been visiting in the east. On their re-  
turn they will reside in Smith's drug  
store on Second street.

### THE BRANDON MEN.

The Brandon contingent of curiers  
arrived in the city this morning. Skip  
Kelly has a strong aggregation, which  
has been successful in landing several  
prizes, among them the grand challenge  
trophy at the Moosomin bouspel this  
winter. Mr. Kelly has been ill lately  
and is still unwell, but if he does not  
have to give in he will win the Dodge  
and Tucker trophies and perhaps the  
Grand Challenge. At least so he has  
decided and does not expect any of his  
fellow curiers to disappoint him. Skip  
Ingels also has a very strong rink. The  
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